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**REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION**

Papers filed on December 28, 2010, are being treated as a Request for Reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.378(e) to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

A decision on this request will be held in abeyance for a period of **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this communication to permit petitioner to address the following issues before a decision is rendered. No extension of this two-month time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b).

Office record show the \$400 Request for Reconsideration Fee was received on December 28, 2010. However, the \$1530 balance has not been received. This request can not be granted until the \$1530 balance is received.

The response to this Requirement for Information should include a cover letter entitled "Response to Requirement for Information." At the end of the two month period specified above, a decision will be rendered on the instant petition under 37 CFR 1.378 as supplemented by any information submitted in response to this Requirement for Information.

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